

Religious Notices.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Rev. H. W. Ballantine, Pastor. Public worship on the Sabbath at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School at 12 M. Sunday-school prayer-meeting, Sabbath, at 7 P. M. Weekly prayer-meeting, Thursday, at 7:45 P. M.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.—Rev. E. L. S. Ford, Pastor. Sunday services: Preaching at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday-school at 12 M. The Lord's Supper on the first Sabbath of each month, close of morning service. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening, 8 P. M. People's meeting, Tuesday evening at 7:45 P. M. Class meetings, Tuesday and Friday evenings at 7:45 o'clock.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—Rev. Albert M. J. J. Foster, Sunday services: Preaching, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday-school at 2 P. M. Prayer meeting, Thursday evening at 7:45. Class meetings, Tuesday and Friday evenings at 7:45 o'clock.

WASHINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Frederick Street, corner Franklin. Rev. S. W. Duffell, Pastor. Sabbath services, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday-school, 12 M. Weekly prayer meeting at 8 o'clock each Thursday evening, in Chapel parlor.

CHRIST CHURCH (Episcopal).—Liberty street. Rev. W. G. Farrington, D. D., Rector. Morning service, 10:30 o'clock. Second service, 7:30 P. M. except first Sunday in month, when it is at 3:45 P. M. Sunday-school at 3 P. M.

HOPE CHURCH.—Sunday school every Sabbath at 10:30 P. M. John B. Broughton, Superintendent.

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART.—Rev. J. M. Nardello, Pastor. First mass, 8:30 A. M. High mass, 10:30 A. M. Vespers, 3 P. M. Sunday school, 2:30 P. M.

BENEFIT UNION-SCHOOL.—Held in Berkeley School-house, Bloomfield avenue, every Sunday at 3 P. M. A. Skinner, Superintendent. All are welcome.

WATKINSBURG M. E. CHURCH.—Rev. J. K. E. Ebert, Pastor. Sunday services: Preaching, 10:30 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. Sunday school, 9 A. M. E. G. Day, Superintendent. Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening.

SILVER LAKE.—Sabbath school held every Sunday, in the hall, at 3 P. M. Mr. Herbert Smith, Superintendent. Gospel meeting every Sabbath evening at 7:30 o'clock. Prayer and Conversational meeting, Wednesday evening.

St. Mark's Church. (Bloomfield Ave.)—Sunday services: Preaching at 10:30 A. M. Rev. Mr. Furr. Sabbath school 3 P. M. E. A. Smith, Sup't. Preaching 7:30 P. M., Rev. J. H. Cooley.

UNION GOSPEL TEMPERANCE MEETING.—Every Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, in the Old Lecture Room of the First Presbyterian Church. All are invited.

Letter from Saratoga.

UNITED STATES HOTEL,
SARATOGA, SEPT. 21ST, 1885.

Lucky are the Republicans in having these golden days in which to hold their convention in Saratoga, and if skies as blue and full of sunshine as any heart could wish be prophetic of unclouded days for the party, not only in the near future, but also for their success in the next Presidential campaign, the Republicans may congratulate themselves in being out of the woods at last. Saratoga is full of delegates. Delegates of all types, tall and short, spare and plump, bright and stupid, handsome and homely, in fact, these hundreds of delegates from the most populous and the most hidden corners of the great State of New York represent all types of men. The corridors and piazzas of the hotels are thronged with busy, bustling politicians. And to one who has an inkling of the great game which is now being played, and who realizes how great is the stake being nothing less than the next Presidential success by the winning party now, Saratoga is a more interesting place than ever to be in, although most of the fashionables have fled.

There is any amount of wire-pulling going on, and so confident to-day is each delegate in the success of his candidate that it would take a wise prophet indeed to forecast what the morrow will bring forth. That staunch old veteran of the war,

MAJOR GENERAL CARR,

who covered himself with glory upon the ever famous field of Gettysburg, and also upon many other battle plains, is there, and his friends are quite confident that his will be the foremost name at the convention tomorrow.

General Carr is a fine-looking man, in the prime of life, is genial and affable in his ways, but has that air of modesty characteristic with the true hero, and with true merit. General Carr has many warm friends in both parties, especially among the veterans of the G. A. R. General Carr is accompanied by his son, Major Carr, a handsome young gentleman who has already won many social laurels, and Col. George Lawton of his staff, whom rumor has it is soon to be wedded to one of our most prominent Saratoga belles. Other gentlemen upon his staff are in the General's suite. Gov. Hill is expected here today, and from the Democratic point of view, the prospects are now pronounced to be most auspicious.

Major Jas. O. Woodward, of Albany, of the Governor's staff, is already here, and finds time to devote himself to the belles, as well as to look after the politicians.

SECRETARY BAYARD

has been making a little sojourn at the Springs, and would have been a social lion, had he allowed himself to be lionized. The Secretary is a tall, *distingue* looking man, with a broad, open forehead, finely cut features, face smoothly shaven, a quantity of iron gray hair, and a pair of keen bluish-gray eyes which look kindly forth from beneath fine brows which are strongly indicative of the intellectual capacity which has made Secretary Bayard

one of the foremost men in the political world of today. Mr. Bayard is a charming conversationalist, and is easy and graceful in manner. A noticeable figure among the present guests of Saratoga is

GENERAL GEO. A. BATCHELLER,

who has just returned from Egypt and who intends to remain in this country now, having served the United States as Judge in a foreign court for the past ten years. The General's life has been full of adventure and romance, he having served with distinction in the army during the war. Life in this matter of fact, prosaic land of ours, must seem a little tame after ten years of existence under Egypt's glowing sun—Egypt, with its hoary traditions of ages past, its pyramids, sphinxes, sandy plains, its camels and crocodiles, its shriveled mummies, and entrancing, dark-eyed maids, its dreary splendors of the past still casting a weird halo over the actual life of today. In truth, this is a land so crowded with historic legends of the past, with far-away visions of ages gone, that in Egypt the fleeting affairs of today might easily fade from the mind and heart, and existence become but one languid, lotus-like dream on the golden shores of the Nile, a dream of that distant time when Egypt was Queen of the Orient, and Isis and Osiris held undisputed sway in the hearts of their worshippers. Gen. Batcheller has a beautiful home in Saratoga, and is accompanied here by his charming wife and daughter. Among other

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

at the States, where the leaders of both political parties are to be found, are Gen. Merritt, formerly Collector of the Port of New York, and Consul to London, Ex-Gov. Alonzo B. Cornell, both looking hale and hearty, and apparently ready for whatever political honors may come their way. It is thought Mr. Everts will be here tomorrow, as well as many other distinguished lights in the political world and editors with national renown.

THE WORKINGMEN OF THE STATE

will arrive tomorrow in numerous organizations, to add their voices to the political contest, and each company of men is expected to bring its own brass band, so that we are likely to have plenty of music to add to the general hilarity. There will be a desperate scramble for the working man's vote, and it is amusing to observe with what eagerness our kid-gloved politicians each and all proclaim themselves to be the "workingman's friend." After the Republicans come the Democrats, and the corridors of the hotels will be blue with smoke, although the ladies at the aristocratic States are thankful that the Tammanyites of New York are to be housed elsewhere.

"HONEST JOE,"

who is chief usher at the States, and who has gained the above sobriquet from his well-known habit of speedily returning the valuables he often finds to their owners, says it is very plain to see that he is a sound Republican, since "who ever knew a Democrat to give anything back?" In fact, if all politicians, in both parties, were as honest as Mr. Joseph Smith, the country would be much the better for it.

SOPHIE SPARKLE.

A Busy Little Neighbor.

Those who are interested in the study of insect life may be glad to have their attention called to the work of the leaf-cutting bee that has lately been busy in our gardens. The rose bushes seem to be the favorite field of operations for these little workers, though we once found a honey-suckle from which they had apparently drawn supplies.

The object of the leaf-cutter is to obtain a lining for the cell in which she deposits her eggs. These cells are bored in a tree, (the elder or locust), and our active little housekeeper sometimes requires a thousand separate pieces to upholster her domicile. A leaf which has come under her sharp mandibles shows two kinds of cuttings, one a small circle, about a quarter of an inch in diameter, and the other an ellipse of more than twice that size. We have seen rose leaves cut away until little was left but the midrib. The delicacy and precision with which the curves are traced show wonderful skill on the part of the tiny mechanic. If she were more of a Sybarite, she would doubtless choose the dainty pink petals of the flower for her carpeting and paper-hanging, but she is practical, and demands a firmer fabric.

If you look carefully among your rose bushes, you will be likely to find abundant specimens of this pretty workmanship; or, better yet, send the little folks into the garden to hunt for you, and they will learn a charming lesson in insect mechanics.

C. C.

The few old landmarks of Paris are rapidly disappearing. Voltaire's and Gambetta's old haunt, the Cafe Procope, has finally been engulfed in bankruptcy and is to be transformed into a grocery. It was the first coffee-house that was opened in Paris, and its original proprietor borrowed the idea of it from Wills's in London. The beverage imported from Mocha was never popular in France until the wits, the actors and dramatic authors who frequent the Odéon began to meet at Procope's. His coffee-room was long and narrow with a low ceiling. Voltaire's place was quite at the end, where he sat with his back to the wall, able to see every one that entered.—*Bookman*.

A New One on Mark Twain.
The Rev. J. Hyatt Smith knows more stories about more people than ten average citizens. Among them he relates this: "When I was living with my brother in Buffalo Mark Twain occupied a cottage across the street. We didn't see very much of him, but one morning, as we were enjoying our cigars on the veranda after breakfast, we saw Mark come to his door in his dressing gown and slippers and look over to us. He stood at his door and smoked for a minute, as if making up his mind about something, and at last opened his gate and came lounging across the street. There was an unoccupied rocking chair on the veranda, and when my brother offered it to him he dropped into it with a sigh of relief. He smoked for a few moments and said:

"Nice morning."
"Yes, very pleasant."
"Shouldn't wonder if we had rain by and by."

"Well, we could stand a little."
"This is a nice house you have here!"
"Yes, we rather like it."
"How's your family?"
"Quite well—and yours?"
"O, we're all comfortable."

There was another impressive silence, and finally Mark Twain crossed his legs, blew a puff of smoke into the air, and in his lazy drawl remarked: "I suppose you're a little surprised to see me over here so early. Fact is, I haven't been so neighborly, perhaps, as I ought to be. We must mend that state of things. But this morning I came over because I thought you might be interested in knowing that your roof is on fire. It struck me that it would be a good idea if—"

But at the mention of fire the whole family dusted up stairs, trailing language all the way up. When we had put the fire out and had returned to the veranda Mark wasn't there.—*Kansas City Times*.

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To pare potatoes fast take a potato in your hand and place the thumb against the end, reach back as far as is easy, keep the knife flat on the potato, bear down, roll the potato over to the left; finish up the ends last. To slice nicely, cut straight across, and not let the knife follow the shape of the end of the potato. (On SATURDAY, Sept. 26th, continue at 3 P. M., and continue until midnight, the paring of the knife will be present and will give an exhibition, displaying the many valuable services in which the knife can be utilized.

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